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v BOLTON WANDERERS



What will the
TISWAS team
be doing at
Meadow Lane?
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HERE'S TO BOLTON— AND THE NEXT TIME

A WARM welcome to Bol-
ton Wanderers, team, offi-
cials and supporters. This
time you must make it! I
refer to the Wanderers

promotion challenge. After
a few near misses this will
surely be the time when
their ambition is realised.
The past few years have

seen us follow Bolton
around the league and we
hope that our two teams
will meet again in the
League, two seasons from
now, in the top sphere.

The best of luck then, to
our friends from Bolton, in
their remaining matches
this season — excluding of
course this afternoon!



By
STUART
BURGAN

NICE TO MEET YOU

Meet one of our very
keen supporters, Diane
Spendlow of East Bridg-
ford. Diane, who is twelve
years old, has been a Mag-
pie fan for some time and
always visits Meadow Lane
on match days. Whenever
possible she also travels to
away games.

Mum and Dad are also
Notts' fans and will be here
today with their daughter
who, incidentally, will be
very surprised when she
opens Magpie and finds a
picture of herself in it.

Diane is pictured par-
ticipating in her other love
— that of folk singing. Very
professional she looks too.
Her favourite is John Sims
and a personally signed
photograph of him is on its
way to you Diane.

Workshop Boys' Club trip to Ayr

At the beginning of this
season, Workshop Boy's
Club played a match
against Ayr Youth Club at
home, winning by five
goals to two. Friendships
made at that time has
resulted in the Ayr commit-
tee inviting the Workshop
side to Scotland to take
part in a four team tourna-
ment.

The other two sides
being Glasgow and a
Tynecastle Select XI. The
tournament was due to be
played yesterday — Easter
Sunday.

The Ayr side kindly
agreed to finance the stay
and even arranged a dance

for the visitors. Workshop
Boys themselves,
organised various fund
raising events to cover the
cost of travel to and from
Ayr.

In all fifty three players
and their families made the
trip for the weekend. Three
members of the Workshop
side are on Schoolboy
forms with Notts County,
they are Paddy Fenton,
Tony Holmes and Neal
Hackson.

Congratulations to the
Workshop Club and their
hard working manage-
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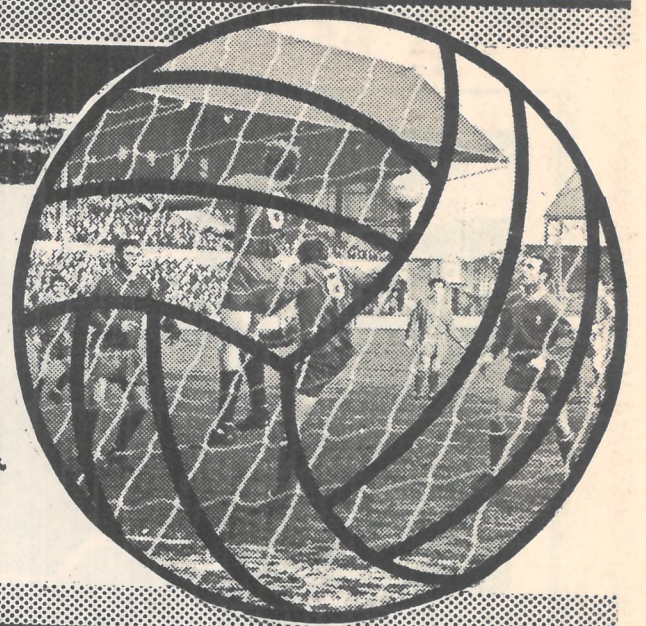
LOCAL DELIVERIES



The Local attraction.



Brian
Tansley
of Radio
Trent
writes...



A chance to say 'Thank you Les'

How often these days do we hear only of the bad things in football? If it's not hooliganism off the field it's violence on it; if it's not one star player demanding a transfer it's another at the centre of some controversy or other — and so it goes on and on.

Eventually you reach a point where you are no longer interested in the sensationalism which now seems to be part and parcel of the game. Purely and simply you have a desire to turn back the clock to a time when only the good points of the game were dwelt upon and the five-letter word "goals" meant a lot more than the current five-letter favourite "money".

How much therefore do supporters of a football club take it for granted when one of their star players genuinely fills the bill as one of the games nice-guys?

We're going to know the answer to that question on Monday, April 10th, when Notts County entertain Nottingham Forest here at Meadow Lane in a Testimonial match for Les Bradd.

It is the culmination of a decade of loyal service by the Magpies all-time leading goalscorer who has at all times been the perfect advertisement for the club both on and off the field.

Les has been around the Nottingham scene too long for me to give him further character references. Anybody who has either watched him in soccer action or knows him in private life will know amply of his talents and virtues.

But before you are possibly tempted to dismiss April 10th from your minds without much further thought, just let me outline a few background details for you. For something approaching a year now plans have been made for fund-raising events to boost Les's testimonial. Dances, barbeques, darts nights and autograph sessions have all been organised and held to start the money coming in.

In fact many have been the nights when Les and his wife Anne have put in hours of work organising events knowing that in the end even all this effort could prove a disappointment should the crowd for the testimonial match fall below a reasonable figure.

To this end they have arranged what looks like being a night of first class family entertainment, starting with a gymnastics display and musical interlude by a local band, followed by a match against (like it or not!) the current top team in the country and the added attraction

at half time of an appearance by those crazy favourites from ATV's "Tiswas".

As I say, if it's family entertainment and enjoyment you're after then you can't go wrong by turning up at Meadow Lane on April 10th. But to true Notts County supporters I'm sure the whole thing goes much deeper than that.

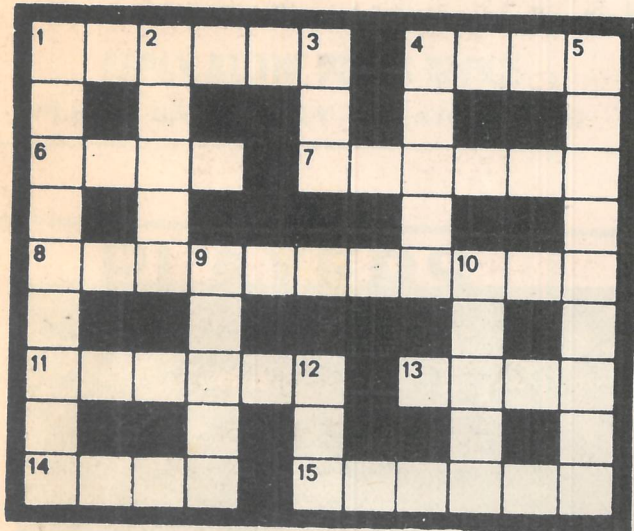
Okay, so you're going to have a good time alright, but you know as well as I do that the real reason you will be there is to pay tribute to a talented professional for ten years outstanding service.

In that time Les has scored over 130 goals for the club and been instrumental in their climb from the depth of Division Four to what was the verge of Division One.

So come the night of the match please don't have any second thoughts about attending — everyone has so much to be grateful for — and every click of the turnstile is a personal thanks from you to Les Bradd.

As I said right at the beginning, we're all fed up with hearing about the bad things in football — so if you want to contribute in some small way to one of the good things make a note of April 10th in your diary.

CROSSWORD



CLUES — Across

- 1 & 4 Base of Bristol City (6, 4)
- 6 Stoke stopper (4)
- 7 Winger expensively exported in 1978 (6)
- 8 First Division manager who was Division Four's "Manager of the Season" in 1977 (3, 8)
- 11 Scorer of over 250 League goals who is now with Vancouver Whitecaps (6)
- 13 Orient striker (4)
- 14 Wellingborough or Witney (4)
- 15 Radio and television soccer man (6)

CLUES — Down

- 1 Club who suffered its biggest defeat (0-9) at 1 & 4ac (9)
- 2 Keeper and captain of the famous pre-war Austria "Wunderteam" (5)
- 3 Piece of equipment whose soccer version was patented by J. A. Brodie in 1890 (3)
- 4 Torquay player-manager (5)
- 5 Watford chairman (5, 4)
- 9 Winger with Mansfield Town (5) ...
- 10 ... whose nickname this is (5)
- 12 Badge formerly worn by 11ac (3)

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The goalkeeper foils David McVay

Scenes from the 0-0 draw at Charlton captured by the camera of JOHN SUMPTER

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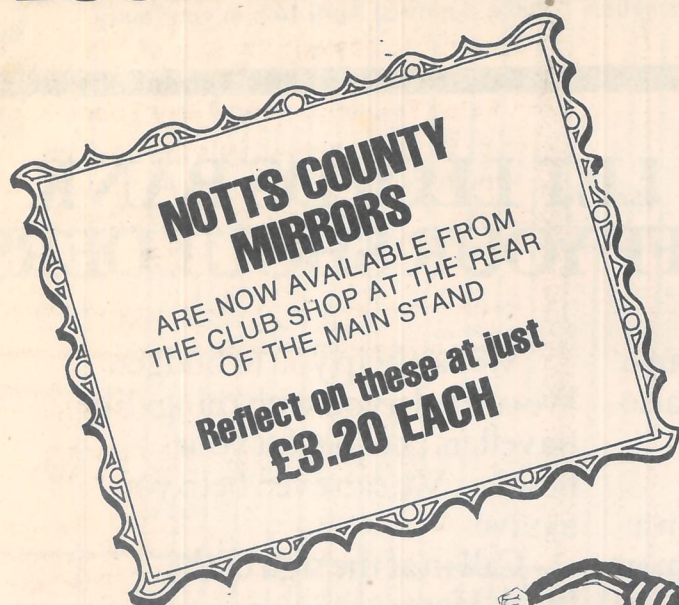
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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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Bradd and the Charlton 'keeper stretch for a Vinter cross



Mick Vinter in a race for goal with two defenders

ACTION



Les Bradd hammers the ball towards the Charlton goal



Vinter heads goalwards



David McVay cuts out a Charlton centre

NOTICE BOARD

LES BRADD

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SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

PLEASE NOTE

May we remind all Season Ticket holders for both seating and standing areas on the ground that we shall **not be advising you of 1978/1979 prices by post this year.**

Instead prices will be advertised in the Nottingham Evening Post on three successive Saturdays during the close season in a display advert on the inside of the back page.

This will be the only time the prices will be advertised.

However anyone living outside the circulation area of the paper can quickly ascertain the prices by ringing the club on Nottingham 868-494 during the same period: The club staff will be more than pleased to give any information that may be required.

Can we therefore remind you of three things:

- 1 No letters will be sent to individual ticket holders this year. The onus will be on the holder to check the Evening Post during the close season* (or ring the club offices).
- 2 The final date by which current holders may renew their seat (or standing ticket) is as printed in the current ticket . . . Saturday, Noon, June 10th. Tickets not renewed by that date may be re-allocated to those wanting a change in seat or new applicants.
- 3 Ticket holders who renew by the closing date automatically qualify to go into the draw for 1979 FA Cup Final tickets.

*It is hoped the club will be in a position to be able to announce the dates on which the advertising will appear before the season ends. The dates will be announced in MAGPIE.

Fanfare



News and comment of, by and for Notts County Supporters . . . edited by John Ryley.

TOP PLAYER? IT'S YOUR CHOICE

THE SEASON progresses and we are already at the point where you must be deciding who to elect as Notts County's 1978 Player of the Year.

Not an easy decision this year, is it? And every vote is again going to count.

Your voting slip is below and the closing date for submitting it is Saturday, April 29th.

The date of the function is Thursday, May 14th — twenty four hours after our final League game of the season at Cardiff — and the venue is as usual the Sherwood Rooms.

Tickets will cost £1 each and will be available shortly.

CALLING CARLTON

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in a Carlton Branch of the Supporters' Club at the Tally Ho, Oakdale Road, on Thursday, 30th March at 8 p.m.

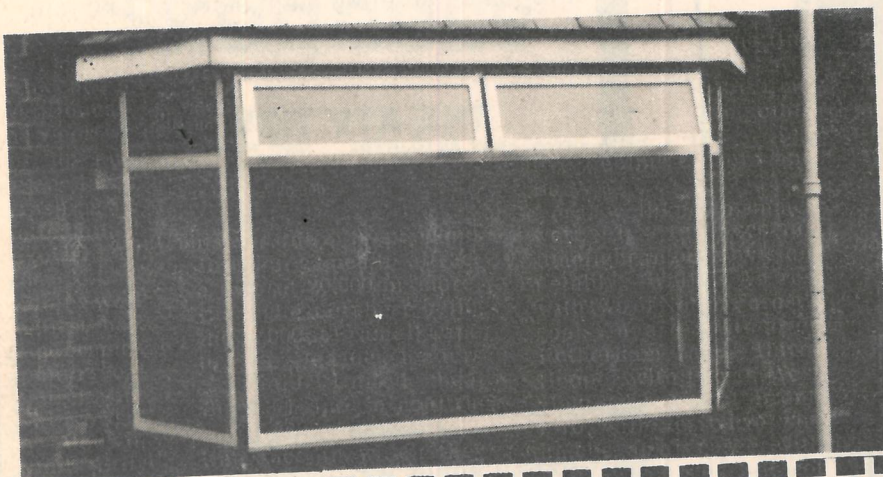
It is hoped to form a committee to run the new branch and there is a possibility of club representatives attending. Come along and be a part of the scene — whether you wish

to officiate or merely attend functions. In any case voice your opinion on what you wish to see happening in your area — if you don't have your say you can't expect it to be taken into account.

Instigator of the branch is Tony Hales, a member of main committee, who has done a considerable amount of door knocking recruitment during the season.

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A gripping finale at Blackpool

TO THOSE of us who remember the tiring and circuitous journeys we supporters undertook before the advent of the motorway, never were those memories more evident than on our recent trip to Blackpool, where on joining the M1 at Cinderhill, the new M55 spur to the M6 meant that we never left the motorway system until reaching Blackpool, although a monotonous form of travel certainly a speedy one, as for the game, a gripping finale when undeservedly 2-0 down with twenty minutes left the lads bravely secured a valuable point.

Phil Dixon of Radio Trent was our guest on the coach and we must apologise to him for rushing him away from his after the game commentary but the Blackpool police were anxious to get our coach on its way when local supporters made menacing noises in the vicinity of the coach park.

Curious how penalty decisions have vitally influenced the last three games, at Blackpool, home to Oldham and at Charlton, where either the scoring or the saving of one has obtained for us vital points. Eric McManus once again at Charlton as in the recent cup tie there did his stuff and we were pleased to welcome David Hunt on his first appearance, a quiet but promising debut in my opinion.

Running Bear says . . .



We saw several Forest supporters on our way to London who were making an early start for their big occasion at Wembley, in fact there were some who attended our game at Charlton, doing a bit of slumming as one put it to me, but it was all cheerful banter and who was I to spoil their hour of glory, I only wished it was us.

The Player of the Year awards will soon be upon us (see Fanfare), and the date has been fixed as Thursday, May 4th at the Sherwood Rooms, the night after our final match at Cardiff.

There seems no outstanding contenders this year but maybe you believe there are, amongst those who must be considered are Brian Stubbs, who when losing half of the dynamic duo of Stubbs and Needham, soldiered on and despite losing his place in the early weeks of the season, gained his place back without complaint and is still the rock on which many opponents founder.

Also there is Les Bradd in his testimonial year, and who many of us believed was making his curtain call, has proved with his skill, his is still an invaluable member of the team.

Mick Vinter our leading goal scorer, Steve Carter the wizard of dribble, Eric McManus "Mr Consistency" and despite a few supporters who still think he wears a red shirt, "I'd walk a million miles" Sammy Chapman.

I won't tell you which of those or others is my choice, that would be unfair lobbying, but whoever it is, it will I promise you, be a great night at the Sherwood Rooms.

See you on the coach to Brighton.

Publicity can be a problem for the manager

COULD you name from memory more than a dozen of the League's 92 club secretaries? Well, if your answer to that is "no"—don't worry... you would not be alone. I am not a betting man but I would be willing to make a small wager that not many of the national sporting journalists could either! To that we can add the BBC and ITV football pundits.

Without looking them up in the books printed for this purpose, I'm equally certain that the representatives of the footballing reporters of both press and TV (and I would include radio men in this category too) would not be able to name more than half of the club managers either. Certainly they would not comfortably and easily name the names of more than half of the 92 League club managers, let alone all the secretaries.

I'll forgive them if the constant change of Managership means that the turnover annually is such that one has to keep a day-to-day record of the comings and goings in the managerial field. There's no doubt at all that there's plenty of confusion to cloud the issue and to be able to say positively that "so-and-so" is the manager of "such and such" would be a slight problem.

Mind you, I have a theory that the press, radio and TV don't bother too much anyway with who is at the helm of Division Three and Four clubs (and not a few in the second as well) because of their heavy concentration of reportage on (a) the First Division or (b) only being concerned with the rest when a sacking or replacement is made!

Indeed, I believe that these days there's a "Manager Cult"! As far as I know, there's no player-Manager in the First Division, or Second for that matter, at the moment. But whenever you read a report, watch TV or listen to the radio and the programme is about soccer, you'll constantly be reminded of the name of the manager because somewhere they'll endeavour to work his name in. Yet he never plays.

Further, they often refer to a club as being "so and so's" football club! Almost as if the club and the team were the sole ownership of the manager.

Secretary speaking



The Dennis Marshall Column

Next time they show the line-up on the TV screen, have a close look and you'll see the name of the players, the substitute, the club badge, name of the captain and the manager. The latter's name is prominently displayed — and why not — he's important. But, why isn't the name of the coach, or trainer, or chairman, or secretary shown for us all to see?

If we pose the question we'll probably be informed that they have insufficient space to include all such items of relevance and we would have to agree this is so. We accept the small screen doesn't have sufficient room to itemise all the club officials and staff.

We can even accept similar reasons from the press because they do have a problem with the limited column inches at their disposal in the daily or Sunday press.

But, when we have said all that I am left with the inescapable fact that the club chairman at any one of the 92 clubs must take priority over the manager since they are at the head of the whole

club and, with the board, are responsible for hiring and firing of all staff, including the manager and all players. He doesn't rate a mention in the media, unless of course, they refer to him as being the man who has sacked the manager!

Maybe the chairman and directors don't mind this cloak of anonymity, I've never heard any of them complain and I meet many of them during a season. But it is a fact they don't rate a mention, or at most only very occasionally, and then it is in a derogatory manner.

I was prompted to get on this tack when I recently read where a certain manager, not a million miles away from here, sought

permission from the Football League for his assistant to walk onto the Wembley pitch with him at a Cup Final.

You may not be aware but the general rule is, that the teams are led out by the manager alone be it in the League Cup Final or FA Cup Final.

The only possible exception is when a club has no manager. In 1959 for instance Luton Town had no manager when they played in the Final v Forest and so one of their senior directors did the 'honours' instead.

The press and the manager in question in the recent case, made a song and dance about the exclusion of the Number Two. Don't get me wrong, he maybe had a very good case because if the two of them share the day to day duties, then they each are responsible for the team. On the "big day" at Wembley it is only natural therefore that they would wish to share the dual honour.

However where there is a rule in operation or a precedent to follow, then naturally the League and FA observe it. If the rule needs to be revised or looked at again, then clubs have only to ask and the game's rulers, being democratic, will first examine it and then if necessary, make changes.

Having said that, I'm certain the recent problem will be looked at for the future (if not already) to obviate any embarrassment next time.

All of which brings me back to the managers. Because I am in the game I know all of them by name and a lot of them personally by meeting them in business and socially. Equally I know all of my fellow secretaries.

I am not jealous of a manager, he has so many problems to contend with I know I wouldn't swap places with any of them for any salary increase! But it is a fact (and many of my secretarial colleagues share this view) that the manager these days has more than his share of the limelight. Often this isn't good for him. The pressures that this publicity can bring often cause his downfall. Certainly he can well do without, and operate more freely, away from the glare that daily publicity brings.

This is one of the many problems of the job, most managers accept it as being part and parcel of the daily routine. If they don't like it they'll say so even though a refusal to play ball with the media often produces a back lash that makes their job even harder!

A Manager can make a team it is said; a good or great manager can make a good team better. These are statements I'll not quarrel

with but as I said earlier, managers don't play. Success on the field is down to the players alone. It is they who score goals and win games or prevent goals and make life harder for the opposition.

"Motivation" is a word frequently used when talking about a Manager (or coach) where a good chief is seemingly able to bring the best out of his players. Mostly this means that by his manner and lessonship, his words or his know-how, he can transform players from the ordinary to the extra-special. But as I say, the Manager doesn't play, so motivation ends when the players go out onto the field.

"Off field" coaching from a seat on the touchline can only be done in a very limited way because Managers, trainers and coaches, are cautioned in advance that this is not allowed. When they transgress they are often "booked" by the referee, told to be quiet and reported to the League and FA. So motivation from the touchline is something fairly remote.

I was ten years as personal assistant to the late Billy Walker at Nottingham Forest and if anyone knew anything about the game, tactics and motivation, it was the ex-Aston Villa and England skipper. Yet he was always only as good as his charges. This was always so and will never change.

Of course the Manager makes the decisions about who to select and who to sell and buy, so in the main it is his team. But he cannot do this without the backing of his Chairman and Board who have the money (or, who all too often **don't have the money**) to back the manager's decisions and requirements. In a sense then it is he who "carries the can" so it's an onerous job and I'm the first to agree with that.

But if you have good players or can go out and buy them, then your job as a Manager is infinitely easier than if you haven't. That's why often you have to give credit to the Managers of the less illustrious and less rich clubs; they have a really hard job.

And yet they get little of the publicity that is meted out to those in Division One. But they do the same job, often as well (sometimes better) than their colleagues higher up the League ladder.

Many Managers are friends of mine. Our own Jimmy Sirrel is one of the good guys, a good friend and a good Manager. I'm sure if I've highlighted their problems they'll not disagree I have done it well and correctly.

A Manager often has a rough ride from press and public alike; they accept this. That's why they deserve what little credit goes their way. When a team does well the players get the praise and all too often then the Manager is forgotten!

But behind the team and behind the Manager are a large number of people who could also do with a fair share of the limelight and the media and public would do well to remember this at times.

For instance I and 91 other Club Secretaries have our pressures and problems that go with being connected with a football club. People tend to think that being a Secretary is the safest (and 'softest') job in the game. Can I just say that in the last five years 47 clubs have had a Secretarial change.

Three have gone through natural wastage (retirements, etc.), four swapped one club for another — 40 have left the game. Because it was cushy number? ... I think not!

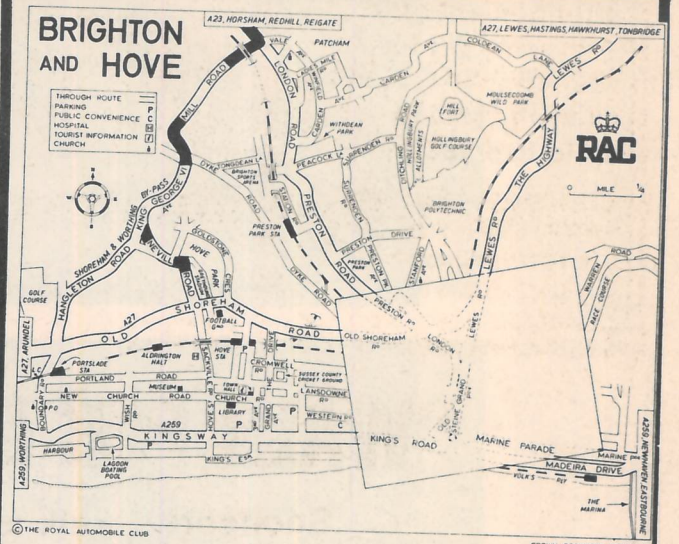
This is quite a revolution in the one area of the game that is usually regarded as being the only constant factor in the club. Managers come and go, so do players, so do Boards of Directors; but the Secretary goes on and on and on? Not if you judge the issue on the facts I have given you which are without argument.

Let the Manager take his Assistant on the field at Wembley, but let him also take his trainer and his coaches (at present they slink around the running track like strangers at a wedding or interlopers at the game), let him take his Secretary, his Chairman and the tea lady, for they all play their part in the day to day running of a club and team.

Now having said all that, you might say what's the point of this article. There's no point really except a clear statement of fact.

Occasionally I like to digress and I like to set you talking and thinking. If I've done that today then I'm satisfied and happy to set you looking at the situation from a new angle.

AWAY WE GO



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THE three up and three down system in the Second Division ensures that the majority of clubs are locked in a struggle for promotion or against relegation for a considerable portion of the campaign. Even so it's a bit astonishing so late in the fixture calendar to find that practically all the Magpies remaining fixtures have some bearing on these crucial issues.

As the clubs went into Easter, Notts themselves still needed points to be absolutely sure of avoiding the bottom three places. The odds are heavily and rightly stacked in favour of survival, but Easter is the time of year when so many destinies are sorted out that at Meadow Lane, and elsewhere, virtually anything could still happen.

Easter . . . a time of destiny

After the thin start to this season it's amazing that even with reasonably consistent results since then, and real consistency and points — harvesting at home, Notts have found it difficult to put a comfortable distance between themselves and the relegation places.

That's why fixtures which brought Mansfield Town here last Tuesday and will in the next few weeks bring matches against Millwall (home) and Cardiff (away) assume such an extra significance.

But it isn't only at the "wrong" end of the table that Notts are going to exercise a decisive influence in the coming weeks. County have something to say at the head of affairs too.

And that brings us, nicely, to today's visitors, Bolton Wanderers, the club which has been trying again and again and again, to reach the First Division and which last May had the big prize pulled from their grasp by unexpected slips late in the season.

There's something of a special bond between Notts and Bolton. It's existed for five years, because you can trace it back to the fact that the two clubs rose together from the Third Division in 1973, and in that season and every season since there have been some stirring battles between the pair which have given great pleasure to supporters both in action and in the memories they have left behind.

Back in that 1972-73 season Bolton were always firm favourites to win the Third Division title, and duly finished on top of the pile with 61 points. Notts, coming with a marvellous late surge ended on 57, just ahead of two other Lancashire clubs, Blackburn and Oldham, and Bristol Rovers.

Interesting to note that all five clubs are now in the Second Division.

But it really does look like the Wanderers last year here, for a time anyhow. Barring a repeat of last season's banana skin fall they seem certain to move back in to the First Division which they left way back in 1964.

Whenever Bolton played Notts we used to be dazzled by the wing play of former England man Peter Thompson, whose skills we could all admire, and fear more that a little in the interest of his

opponents. But Thompson, now in the veteran stage, has flitted in and out of the first team in the last two seasons and we shall be lucky (perhaps the Notts players would have a different view!) to see him in action today.

The spotlight therefore swivels on to other talented players assembled by Bolton manager Ian Graves not only for the promotion task but also in the hope that they are good enough for the First Division itself. The latest is Alan Gowling, recruited from Newcastle United.

If you mark down Spurs and Bolton as likely promotion sides the question remains who goes up with them? Brighton and Southampton are both in with a shout, and Notts will be looking forward to a visit to Brighton on 1st April. The date may be significant. Notts have already made "fools" of Brighton once this season by ousting them from the F.A. Cup. To repeat the dose would seriously impair Brighton's promotion hopes, irrespective of their massive outlay in the transfer market.

It all adds up to one thing: This season, as in so many others in recent years, few matters will be settled until the very late stages.

TODAY'S
VISITORS

Bolton Wanderers

WILLIE MORGAN:

(Winger): Started his career with Burnley then moved to Manchester United for a big fee. Returned to Burnley and was signed by the Wanderers two seasons ago. A Scottish international and member of the last World Cup squad, Willie spent last summer playing in American football.

CHRIS THOMPSON:

(Striker): A speedy, skilful attacker who has already made his debut for the Wanderers. Signed first as a schoolboy, then became an apprentice and went on to sign full professional forms in July, 1977. Has represented England at Youth level on a number of occasions.

PAUL JONES:

(Defender): Paul is a central defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and seems destined for further honours.

ALAN WALDRON:

(Midfield): Another player who joined Bolton from school. Has recovered well from a bad ankle injury, but has been unable to regain a regular first team spot. He had a spell in America prior to last season.

RAY TRAIN:

(Midfield): Signed for the Wanderers before the transfer deadline last season for a £30,000 fee from Sunderland. Has a terrier-like tackle and is always in the thick of the midfield action.

JIM McDONAGH:

(Goalkeeper): Jim joined the Wanderers at the start of last season on a month's loan from Rotherham United. Impressed and was signed for a £10,000 fee as cover for Barry Siddall. He soon got promotion with the transfer of Siddall to Sunderland and held the first team spot for the remainder of the season. Jim stands 6ft tall and matches his height with agility.

FRANK WORTHINGTON:

(Striker): Bolton's record signing from Leicester City for a £90,000 fee in October. Started at Huddersfield, is an England International with lots of skills in the air and on the ground.

ROY GREAVES:

(Midfield): Long serving player who had a recent testimonial. Born in Farnsworth, near Bolton, he is a non-stop worker whose workrate has to be seen to be believed.

GARRY JONES:

(Striker): Born in Manchester, Garry is a strong running attacking player. He can put pressure on defenders and once he gains more consistency seems certain to be a regular goalscorer.

TERRY POOLE:

(Goalkeeper): Signed from Huddersfield Town last season for a £25,000 fee. Had still to make his first team debut at the start of the current season for the Wanderers.

TONY DUNNE:

(Full Back): Eire international who played for most of his career with Manchester United. Was a member of the United European Cup winning side and since coming to Bolton has proved to be a favourite with the fans.

PETER REID:

(Midfield): Another youngster who joined Bolton from school on Merseyside. Peter played for England's Under 21 side last season and went on the close-season tour of Scandinavia with the national side. Is a constructive player who reads the game well and is a fine passer of the ball.

JOHN RITSON:

(Full Back): John was born in Liverpool and joined the Wanderers from schoolboy soccer. He graduated through the junior sides and is now a strong defender with an attacking flair. Missed a spell of last season due to a cartilage operation.

NEIL WHATMORE:

(Striker): Strong attacker with a flair for scoring goals. He scored 31 times last season to top the Second Division scoring chart for League and League Cup goals.

PETER THOMPSON:

(Winger): Peter is the former Liverpool and England player who has won most of the honours in the game. A very tricky player, his class has made him a firm favourite with the supporters.

SAM ALLARDYCE:

(Defender): A young central defender born in the Midlands, Sam joined the Wanderers from school and since coming into the side in 1975 has held down a regular place.

BRIAN SMITH:

(Midfield): Born in Walkden, near Manchester, Brian is a small but very active player who has impressed when used in midfield. His chances have been limited by the form of Peter Reid and the signing of Ray Train.

MIKE WALSH:

(Defender): Manchester-born Mike joined the Wanderers from school. He is being groomed for a place in the side, but has had to be content with being stand-in for any of the defensive positions. Seems certain to win a regular place soon.

ANDY CLEMENTS:

(Defender): Andy made his debut for the Wanderers in the pre-season Anglo-Scottish Cup games. Joined the club as a schoolboy but has never really settled down in one position. Can play as a back four man or in midfield — and has had several games as a striker.

PETER NICHOLSON:

(Defender): Signed for the Wanderers from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-2 season and has proved to be a fantastic bargain. He can play anywhere in defence and had a long spell at full back last season. Is also accomplished in midfield.

THE GEOFF



ALLMAN PAGE

They gave the game colour

LABELLED by former Arsenal Manager George Allison as the "best boy of all", Cliff Bastin was one of the finest exponents of wing play in the period before the Second World War, being a vital member of the Arsenal team that for almost a decade was the country's outstanding team.

A native of Exeter, Cliff linked up with his local club straight from Ladysmith Road School in 1928 and made his first debut when still only fifteen.

This was a Division Three (South) game at Coventry and ended in a goalless draw, but a week later Cliff netted twice as

his side beat Newport 5-1 and a week later he netted again at Walsall.

He was playing at inside left in those days, the position in which he had been capped as a schoolboy, and after such an explosive start he had a comparatively quiet second season.

Even so he was signed by Arsenal in the summer of 1929 for a fee of £2,500, a large one in those days.

He moved to outside left, however, in his first sea-

son at Highbury and in his first season helped the "Gunners" to a 2-0 F.A. Cup Final win over Huddersfield.

In the following season he played in every game, scoring 28 goals as he helped his side to the First Division Championship and then in the following November he won his

CLIFF BASTIN

first England cap against Wales. Thus by the age of 21 he had won every major honour in the game.

That he was far more than a "boy wonder" became clear as Cliff maintained his outstanding form. In 1932/33 he set up an all-time record for a winger by scoring 33 goals in the season and in the

summer netted a memorable goal for England in a 1-1 draw in Italy.

All in all he won five League Championship medals and two F.A. Cup winning medals in the 30's. There could well have been more had it not been for the war.

As it was, Cliff who was declared unfit for military service (deafness was one of his afflictions) and served as an air-raid warden, finding time to play fairly regularly for Arsenal.

At this time he played

mainly at inside forward or wing-half as his career came full circle.

He played a few games in the first post-war season, 1946/7 and in fact he scored a goal in his very last game in Division One against Cardiff on Boxing Day.

Since then he has returned to his native Devon, working for a time as a reporter on a Sunday newspaper whilst keeping first of all a cafe and later a public house.

Recently one heard that he had retired. What clubs would give today for a left flank raider capable of scoring 157 goals in 367 League games and 12 in 21 internationals?

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

AFTER a 5-0 defeat at Doncaster a fortnight earlier and a 4-3 win over Doncaster the previous week we maintained our up and down sequence on March 21, 1953 when crashing 5-1 at Swansea to a team just above us in the lower half of Division Two.

We seemed to be doing well enough in the first half when Cecil McCormack equalised an opening goal from Ivor Allchurch, but after the interval Ivor got another, Terry Medwin got another and Billy Lucas with two goals made the scoreline look rather one-sided.

Swansea Town: Groves, Keane, Thomas, Lucas, Charles, Williams, Griffiths, Jones, Medwin, Allchurch, Beech.
Notts County: Linton, Southwell, Deans, Adamson, Leuty, Johnston, McCormack, Wylie, McPherson, Edwards, Crookes.
Attendance: 20,000.

This was one of five Second Division games to attract a gate of 20,000 or more, the highest of these being the 35,000 at Bramall Lane to see league leaders Sheffield United beat Bury 3-1 and so confirm their grip on the promotion race in which they were four points ahead of Huddersfield 5-0 winners over Southampton with

Vic Metcalfe netting twice.

The Saints were at this time next to bottom five points ahead of Barnsley, but five behind Lincoln and Bury.

Several well-known names were in the scoring limelight in our Division, notably Wally Ardron with two of Nottm Forest's goals in a 4-3 win over Rotherham and Harry Hooper with two in West Ham's 4-1 win at Brentford, while Jesse Pye, who had began his career with us a few years earlier, got Luton's winner at Lincoln.

Meanwhile the the F.A. Cup semi-finals, which were played a month earlier in those days Bolton and Blackpool qualified for Wembley, though both games were near things.

Bolton seemed to be coasting home when they were four up against Second Division Everton at half-time, but two goals by Willie Parker and one by Peter Farrell made the final score 4-3 with Everton defender Tommy Clinton ruining the fact that he had missed a first-half penalty.

Another full back, Alf Ramsey (as he was then) had an embarrassing experience in the other semi-final. He dallied on the ball in the closing stages with Spurs 1-1 against Blackpool and his hasty back pass was snapped up by Jackie Mudie for Blackpool's winner.

In Division One Wolves moved back on top a point ahead of Burnley after beating Liverpool 3-0, while at the bottom Derby failed to take advantage of the fact that Stoke were without a game and went down to two goals from

Newcastle's George Robledo.

In Division Three (South) Bristol Rovers lost for only the third time that season, 2-0 at Reading but they were still six points ahead of neighbours Bristol City, who drew a thriller with Q.P.R. 4-4.

Things were much closer in Division Three (North) where Oldham's 1-0 defeat at Southport left them only a point ahead of Port Vale and Grimsby, both of whom drew, Vale's game with Halifax attracting over 18,000 spectators.

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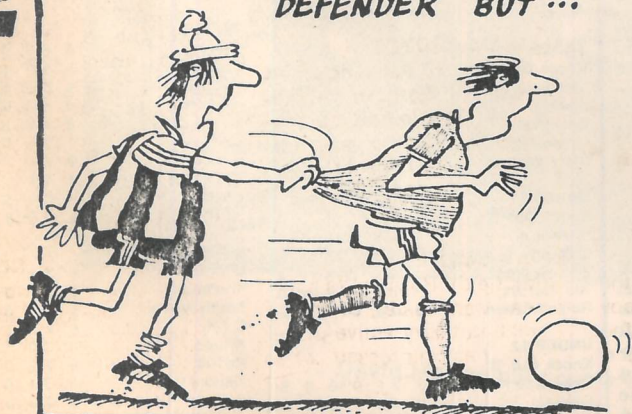
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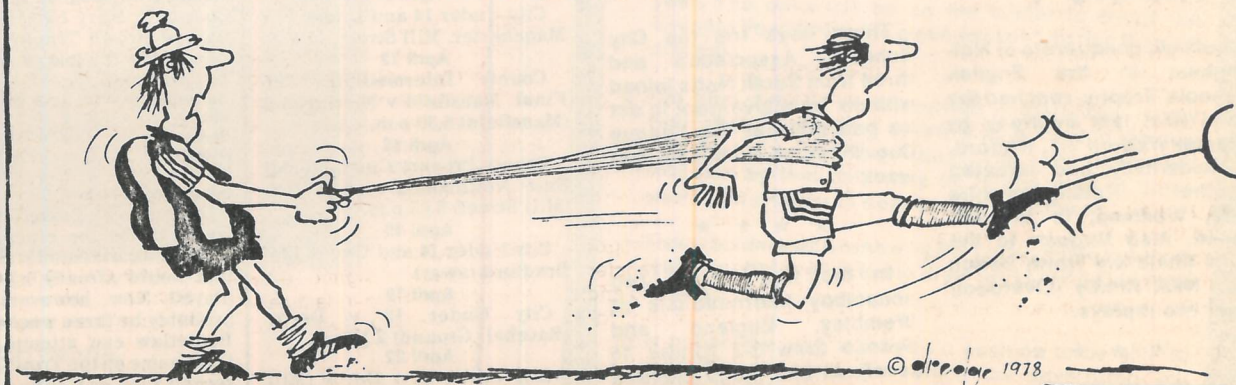
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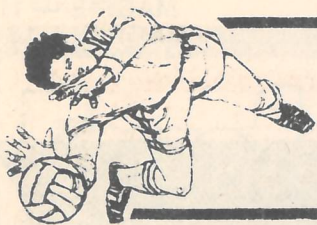
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AROUND the SCHOOLS

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WE'VE done it! We've made it! We're in the final, Dad! We're going to Mill Street! Not quite the same as Wembley, I can hear you say; but you are wrong. For the lads, parents and staff of the two schools, Mill Street is Wembley.

Five rounds ago, back in October, there were 59 teams in this competition, now there are only two left, and we're one of them Dad!

The Nottingham Schools' Under 11 final is usually a colourful occasion. Coaches have been hired, banners made, cheer leaders are incessantly employed and

members of staff who have never been before to a school match add their weight to the support.

This year's final took place on a wet, cold evening. Bonington from Bulwell v Henry Whipple from Bestwood. The weather could not dampen the ardour of the fans. 'Come on Boner,' 'Keep it going Whipple,' and the lads provided the goods.

The first half produced almost constant pressure from the green shirted Bestwood boys, but by the interval, Henry Whipple had only managed a single goal lead.

The second half period saw a swing in fortunes and the reds of Bonington produced an early equaliser and followed with a 'grass cutter' which was chased for about ten yards by the Whipple keeper before being hooked off the line.

Partisan fans, with a good view from the opposite end of the field gave vent to their certainty that the ball had crossed the line, but the game continued without a restart. Chances went begging at both ends but the score was still 1-1 at the end of extra time.

Twenty-two shattered

boys crawled off, to be congratulated, encouraged and cajoled by equally wet and cold parents and staff. One committee member was heard to remark that a draw is by far the most satisfactory result in a final.

'Let them share the Trophy.' Competition rules, however, demand winners and losers; the same tired 22 will have to do it all over again 24 hours later. It can't be a draw again... can it? The only excitement is that excitement will be rekindled for Mill Street final Number 2.

● Footnote... Henry Whipple won the replay 3-0.

Bracing Skegness

SEVENTEEN boys from Nottinghamshire will be joining nearly 1,000 others from throughout the British Isles in the annual English Schools' Festival of Football based at Skegness, starting tomorrow.

This is the 14th annual Festival which was originally based at a holiday camp in Bognor but is now centred on the Derbyshire Miners' Welfare camp.

Past Festivals have seen the presence of teams from Scotland, Holland, Germany and the U.S.A. but never before has a team travelled so far to take part as this year's visitors from New South Wales (Australia) who will be playing Cornwall, Cleveland, Hereford and Worcestershire.

Most of those taking part are either in their last year of compulsory education or have stayed on for Sixth Form courses and players who have taken part in previous

years have been increasingly making their way into the professional game.

One, indeed, Steve Coppel of Manchester United, has been capped for England this season and other well known names who have taken part are Alan Gowling (Bolton), John Richards (Wolverhampton), Paul Cannell (Newcastle) and Keith Fear (formerly Bristol City, now at Plymouth).

At local level, Dave McVay twice represented Nottinghamshire at the Festival and last year's Notts captain, Colin Smith, is now on Forest's books.

This year's squad will be playing five games in five days v Merseyside (Wednesday), Berkshire (Thursday), Lanarkshire, Devon and Cheshire. No trophy is at stake but competition in all 140 games will be intense and the players will have an unforgettable experience.

Close County Cup Finals

LAST WEEK was County Cup final week and all three Secondary age group finals were close affairs decided by the odd goal. Mick Vinter presented the Notts County Shield to the Padstow School (Bestwood) captain after their 1-0 win against Grove (Newark) in the Under 13 competition. The single goal was an unfortunate affair when the Grove keeper carried the ball over his own line in trying to save a free kick from Henrys.

The Under 15 final was also decided by a single goal, this time from County Under 15 player, Chris Dykes, who gave Valley School (Worksop) their second victory in a County competition this season. Their opponents, Roland Green (Nottingham) fought well throughout but lacked sufficient forward strength to trouble the Valley defence.

Most exciting of the three games was the Under 12 final, in which Valley were also involved. Just after half time it seemed as if they were going to complete a hat trick of trophies for goals from Howell (2) and Hardy had put them 3-0 ahead against Kirkby Centre from Ashfield.

The latter, however, staged a magnificent fight back and three goals from centre forward David Beaver, put them level.

In an exciting climax, another Beaver shot was deflected by Valley defender, Davenport to give Kirkby a 4-3 win. Both sides deservedly received awards from Forest full back Colin Barrett.

The fourth final was the Individual Primary Schools' Cup in which Henry Whipple completed a busy week by meeting Round Hill Junior School (Beeston). The former were obviously weary after their exertions in the City Cup and the Beeston school took a 3-0 lead before the interval through Nolan, Gent and Brown.

Although playing against the strong wind in the second half, their defence held out well and the score remained the same until the end.

Exciting climax

AS all good Leagues should, the County Primary League for the George Brown Trophy, will be decided by the last games. Present positions are:

Gedling	4	2	2	0	10	4	6
Kirkby	5	2	1	2	9	13	5
Bassetlaw	3	2	0	1	11	4	4
Newark	5	2	0	3	11	14	4
Mansfield	5	2	0	3	8	10	4
Dukeries	3	1	1	1	6	4	3

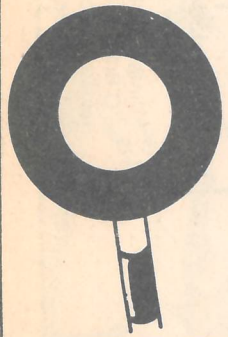
Gedling v Bassetlaw will obviously be the crucial game and but for a misunderstanding, this would already have been played. Now, however, it will probably be three weeks before Bassetlaw can attempt to put their name on the Trophy for the second time or Gedling try and win it for the first.

LEAGUES

NOTTINGHAM SECONDARY LEAGUES										NOTTINGHAM PRIMARY LEAGUES									
P W D L F A Pts										P W D L F A Pts									
UNDER 16										ASPLEY									
Division I										St. Theresa's									
Top Valley	7	3	1	3	14	12	7			Seagrave	8	7	0	1	22	11	14		
Ald. Derbys.	5	2	2	1	12	10	6			Glenbrook	9	4	2	3	9	6	10		
Claremont	4	2	1	1	9	8	5			Player East	9	3	3	3	20	19	9		
W'n. Crane	4	1	2	1	10	8	4			Roslyn	8	4	1	3	21	15	9		
Greenwood	4	1	0	3	7	14	2			Player West	7	4	1	2	18	6	9		
Division II South										Ambleside	9	2	1	6	16	23	5		
M. G. Bott	6	4	2	0	21	10	10			BULWELL									
Cottesmore	7	3	3	1	29	20	9			Bonington	13	9	2	1	40	2	20		
R. Green	8	4	1	3	14	16	9			Bulwell St. M.	11	9	1	1	43	11	19		
Elliott Durham	7	2	0	5	17	28	4			Westgate	11	7	2	2	41	10	16		
Manvers	6	1	0	5	11	18	2			Rise Park	10	4	3	3	22	12	11		
UNDER 16										Rufford	13	5	1	7	31	37	11		
Division II North										Cantrill	13	4	2	7	35	23	10		
Player	7	5	2	0	21	6	12			Eastgate	11	0	1	0	8	45	1		
Padstow	4	1	2	1	6	5	4			O.L.P.S.	9	0	0	9	1	81	0		
Haywood	5	2	0	3	10	16	4			CENTRAL									
W'n. Sharp	4	1	1	2	5	7	3			Walter Halls	14	12	1	1	63	11	25		
Ellis Guilford	4	0	1	3	2	10	1			Stanley	12	10	0	2	53	7	20		
UNDER 15										Scottholme	14	7	1	6	34	28	15		
Division I										Old Basford	12	5	4	3	27	17	14		
Roland Green	8	6	1	1	25	9	13			Northgate	12	6	0	6	29	26	12		
Peveril	8	5	0	3	17	12	10			Bentnick	10	2	2	6	12	27	6		
Padstow	9	3	3	2	20	16	9			Southwalk	11	1	2	8	8	50	4		
Claremont	7	2	2	3	9	12	6			Claremont	11	0	0	11	2	62	0		
Ald. Derbys.	7	0	0	7	8	30	0			EAST									
UNDER 15										Huntingdon	13	12	1	0	67	9	25		
Division II										Hogarth	12	8	0	4	43	21	6		
Cottesmore	7	6	1	0	33	9	13			Jesse Boot	11	6	2	3	33	15	14		
Greenwood	6	3	1	2	17	15	7			Greenwood	10	6	1	3	19	10	13		
Glaidsdale	7	3	0	4	19	20	6			St. Augustine's	10	4	3	3	32	25	11		
Trinity	6	2	0	4	21	26	4			St. Edward's	12	3	1	8	32	38	7		
W'n. Crane	4	0	0	4	6	26	0			Sneinton	13	2	0	11	10	56	4		
UNDER 15										Elms	11	1	0	10	8	70	2		
North										LENTON									
Player	7	6	1	0	26	10	13			Dunkirk	8	8	0	0	28	4	16		
Haywood	6	4	0	2	25	17	8			Edna G. Olds	9	7	0	2	24	6	14		
Ellis Guilford	7	3	1	3	22	27	8			Victoria	9	4	0	5	13	12	8		
W'n. Sharp	5	2	0	3	11	17	4			S. P. Hill	6	3	0	3	11	14	6		
Top Valley	7	0	0	7	11	24	0			Radford	10	2	0	8	8	26	4		
UNDER 15										St. Mary's	6	0	0	6	0	22	0		
South										North									
Manvers	6	6	0	0	41	8	12			Henry Whipple	14	12	1	1	70	11	25		
Mundella	5	4	0	1	19	10	8			Southgate	13	8	2	3	55	25	18		
Elliott Durham	6	2	1	3	21	23	5			St. Marg. Clith.	11	7	2	2	31	9	16		
St. Bernadette's	7	2	1	4	27	30	5			Gladhill	11	7	1	3	29	14	15		
Roland Green 'B'	8	1	0	7	14	51	2			Seely	12	4	1	7	23	39	9		
SATURDAY UNDER 14										Haydn	12	3	2	7	28	43	8		
Division I										Burford	12	1	3	8	10	42	5		
Greenwood	9	6	1	2	29	27	13			Robin Hood	11	0	0	11	6	69	0		
Ald. Derbys.	8	5	2	1	24	14	12			TRENT									
Manvers	7	3	2	2	27	15	8			Blue Bell	11	11	0	0	64	12	22		
Roland Green	10	2	3	5	12	25	7			Welbeck	10	8	0	2	34	11	16		
M. G. Bott	9	3	0	6	24	25	6			Sycamore	12	6	2	4	30	20	14		
Haywood	7	2	0	5	11	21	4			St. Joseph's	11	5	2	4	16	20	12		
SATURDAY UNDER 14										South Willford	12	3	0	9	17	27	6		
Division II North										Greenwood 'B'	11	2	0	9	11	41	4		
St. Bernadette's	6	5	1	0	22	8	11			Morley	11	2	0	9	8	49	4		
Ellis Guilford	9	4	2	3	27	19	10			SOUTH									
Padstow	8	3	0	5	18	28	6			Glaptin	11	10	0	1	36	9	20		
Elliott Durham	6	2	1	3	15	21	5			Trent Bridge	13	7	1	5	32	32	15		
Claremont	5	1	1	3	10	14	3			Highbank	12	6	3	3	28	24	15		
W'n. Crane	2	0	1	1	4	6	1			Whitegate	13	6	2	5	31	28	14		
SATURDAY UNDER 14										Brinkhill	15	6	1	8	31	33	13		
Division II South										Blessed Robert	10	4	2	4	17	18	10		
Glaidsdale	5	1	4	0	12	6	6			Wilford	13	4	2	7	16	19	10		
Cottesmore	3	2	1	0	8	5	5			Greencroft	11	3	1	7	17	26	7		
W'n. Sharp	3	1	1	1	7	5	3			Brooksby	6	0	0	6	25	0			
Peveril	4	0	2	2	6	10	2			WOLLATON									
Player	3	1	0	2	6	13	2			White Moor	11	11	0	0	42	5	22		
UNDER 13										Portland	11	6	2	3	20	17	14		
Division I										Fernwood	9	6	1	2	24	14	13		
Padstow	5	5	0	0	28	2	10			Robert Shaw	9	4	0	5	10	14	8		
Glaidsdale	4	2	1	1	11	10	5			Firbeck	10	3	1	6	15	29	7		
St. Bernadette's	4	2	0	2	13	10	4			Douglas	9	2	0	7	9	20	4		
Elliott Durham	5	0	2	3	8	21	2			Middleton	9	1	0	8	14	25	2		
Cottesmore	4	1	0	3	5	21	2			SOUTH NOTTS SCHOOLS F.A.									
Mundella	2	1	0	1	5	5	2			UNDER 16									
Ellis Guilford	2	0	1	1	4	5	1			Chilwell	5	4	0	1	12	6	8		
UNDER 13										Redhill	5	4	0	1	11	6	8		
Division II North										National	5	2	1	2	12	11	5		
Peveril	5	5	0	1	17	3	8			Holgate	3	2	0	1	6	5	4		
Top Valley	4	4	0	0	14	2	8			Eastwood	4	2	0	2	5	9	4		
Player	3	2	0	1	16	4	4			Bramcote	6	1	1	4	7	3	3		
Haywood	5	1	0	4	13	30	2			Carlton	4	0	0	4	18	0			
W'n. Crane	5	1	0	4	5	21	2			UNDER 15									
Ald. Derbys.	4	1	0	3	7	12	2			Rushcliffe	8	8	0	0	34	10	16		
UNDER 13										Holgate	8	6	1	3	14	19	13		
Division II South										Eastwood	8	6	1	1	28	18	13		
M. G. Bott	5	5	0	0	24	5	10			C.T.K.	8	6	1	2	16	15	13		
Greenwood	4	2	0	2	14	13	4			Fr. Wheldon	9	5	0	4	26	29	10		
Claremont	3	2	0	1	11	11	4			Ald. White	8	3	2	3	22	19	8		
Roland Green	5	1	1	3	10	14	3			Chilwell	7	4	0	3	20	17	8		
Manvers	4	1	1	2	6	11	3			Redhill	9	4	0	5	26	29	8		
Trinity	5	1	0	4	9	20	2			Kimberley	12	3	1	8	25	36	7		
UNDER 12										Bramcote	12	2	2	8	30	24	6		
Knock Out 'A'										Calverton	9	2	1	6	17	44	5		
Padstow	4	3	0	1	13	3	6			National	9	1	2	6	16	27	4		
Cottesmore	2	2	0	0	5	3	4			Carlton	7	0	1	6	17	42	1		
St. Bernadette's	4	1	0	3	11	12	2			UNDER 14									
Peveril	2	1	0	1	4	8	2			Chilwell	6	6	0	0	41	4	12		
Player	2	0	0	2	4	11	0			Calverton	6	5	0	1	36	6	10		
UNDER 12										Redhill	6	5	0	1	21	4	10		
Knock Out 'B'										Beeston	8	4	0	4	16	36	8		
Mundella	3	3	0	0	8	2	6			Eastwood	6	4	0	2	50	11	8		
Elliott D.	4	2	1	1	10	6	5			Carlton	4	3	1	0	14	7	7		
W'n. Crane	3	1	1	1	4	6	3			Kimberley	9	2	0	7	15	45	4		
Greenwood	4	1	0	3	6	8	2			Bramcote	6	1	1	4	9	23	3		
Claremont	2	0	0	2	1	7	0			Holgate	6	0	1	5	7	43	1		
UNDER 12										Fk. Wheldon	5	0	0	5	33	0			
Knock Out 'C'										UNDER 12									
Haywood	4	4	0	0	17	7	8			Chilwell	6	5	1	0	28	2	11		
Manvers	4	3	0	1	17	9	6			Kimberley	9	5	1	3	29	20	11		
Ellis Guilford	4	2	0	2	8	11	4			South Wolds	5	5	0	0	32	6	10		
Ald. Derbys.	3	0	0	3	5	12	0			C.T.K.	6	2	3	1	14	11	7		
Roland Green	3	0	0	3	1	9	0			Arnold	4	3	0	1	11	5	6		
UNDER 12										Redhill	6	2	2	1	15	14	6		
Knock Out 'D'										National	8	2	1	5	11	22	5		
Greenwood	3	2	1	0	10	3	5			Holgate	5	2	0	3	13	14	4		
Manvern	3	2	0	1	8	8	4			Ald. White	6	1	0	5	16	36	2		
Glaidsdale	2	0	1	1	4	6	1			Fk. Wheldon	7	0	0	7	4	42	0		
Arncliffe	2	0	0	2	1	6	0												

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1977	Opponents	Ground	Attendance	Result	League Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
Aug.	6 S HULL CITY (A.S.C.)	H	4,020	1-0	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Chapman	Benjamin	Carter	Smith	Vinter	Sims	Scanlon					
	9 T Oldham A. (A.S.C.)	A	3,243	0-0	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Chapman	Benjamin	Carter	Smith	Vinter	Sims	Scanlon	L. Richards				
	13 S Sheffield U. (A.S.C.)	A	8,000	5-4	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Chapman	Benjamin	Carter	Probert (inj)	Vinter	Sims	Scanlon	Hooks				
	15 M N. Forest (N.C.C.)	A	11,589	1-1	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs (W)	Benjamin	Carter	Busby	Sims	Hooks	Scanlon	Smith				
	20 S BLACKBURN R.	H	8,237	1-1	1	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Chapman	Carter	Vinter	Bradd	Smith	Scanlon	Hooks				
	23 T Bristol R.	A	5,167	2-2	2	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Chapman	Benjamin	Carter	Vinter	Smith	Scanlon	L. Richards				
	27 S Tottenham H.	A	25,839	1-2	2	16th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Chapman	Benjamin	Carter	Vinter	Smith	Scanlon	Stubbs				
	30 T Birmingham City (L.C.)	A	14,933	2-0	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby (inj)	Chapman	Benjamin	Carter (pen)	Vinter	Sims	Smith	L. Richards	Stubbs				
	3 S SOUTHAMPTON	H	9,088	2-3	2	17th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Benjamin	Carter	Vinter	Smith	L. Richards	Bradd				
	6 T SHEFFIELD U. (A.S.C.)	H	5,279	3-0	—	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	Sims	Bradd	Smith (inj)	Scanlon	Hooks			
Sept.	10 S CARDIFF C.	H	7,330	1-1	3	17th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	Sims	Bradd	Smith	Birchennall	Mann				
	13 T Motherwell (A.S.C.)	A	4,734	1-1	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Stubbs	Benjamin	Smith	Probert (W)	Bradd	P. Hooks	Mann	Carter				
	17 S Fulham	A	6,500	1-5	3	19th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Busby	Stubbs (inj)	Chapman	Vinter	Bradd	Smith	L. Richards	Mann				
	24 S BLACKPOOL	H	7,200	1-1	4	20th	McManus	Benjamin	O'Brien	L. Richards	Chapman	Carter	Vinter	Scanlon	Smith	Birchennall	Not used				
	27 T MOTHERWELL (ASC)	H	5,396	1-0	—	—	McManus	Benjamin	O'Brien	L. Richards	Chapman	Birchennall	Sims	Bradd	Mann	Scanlon (W)	Vinter				
	1 S Luton Town	A	7,593	0-2	4	21st	McManus	Benjamin	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Mann	Carter	Sims	Hooks	Mann	Sims				
	4 T Sheffield U.	A	12,495	1-4	4	21st	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall	Carter	Bradd	Smith	L. Richards	Not used				
	8 S ORIENT	H	7,482	1-1	5	21st	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall	Carter	Bradd	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
	15 S Oldham A.	A	0,000	1-2	5	21st	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall	Carter	Bradd	Mann	Vinter	Scanlon				
	18 T ST. MIRREN (A.S.C.)	H	5,384	1-0	—	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall	Carter	Bradd	Mann	Vinter	Not used				
Oct.	22 S CHARLTON A.	H	8,237	2-0	7	21st	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	Smith	Sims	Mann	Vinter	Not used				
	25 T Nottm. Forest (L.C.)	A	26,000	0-4	—	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	Smith	Sims	Mann	Vinter	Not used				
	29 S Mansfield T.	A	11,236	3-1	9	19th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall (inj)	Carter	Benjamin	Mann	Vinter	Not used				
	1 T St. Mirren (A.S.C.)	A	4,345	0-2	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	McVay	Carter	Benjamin	Sims	Mann	Vinter	Scanlon				
	5 S BRIGHTON & H. A.	H	9,549	1-0	11	16th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	Benjamin	Sims	Mann	Vinter	Not used				
	12 S Burnley	A	9,734	1-3	11	18th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	McVay	Carter	Birchennall	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
	19 S SUNDERLAND	H	12,247	2-2	12	18th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	McVay	Carter (Pen)	Birchennall	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
	26 S Millwall	A	5,754	0-0	13	18th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	McVay	Hooks	Birchennall	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
	3 S STOKE C.	H	9,309	2-0	15	16th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall	Carter	McVay	Mann	Hooks	Smith				
	10 S Crystal P.	A	14,608	0-2	15	18th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall	Carter	McVay	Mann	Hooks	Not used				
Nov.	17 S BURNLEY	H	7,639	3-0	17	17th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	McVay	Vinter	Mann (inj)	Hooks	Smith				
	26 M Bolton W.	A	24,559	0-2	17	17th	McManus	McVay	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	McVay	Vinter	Mann	Hooks	Thomson				
	27 T HULL C.	H	9,486	2-1	19	17th	McManus	McVay	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	L. Richards (W)	Bradd	Vinter	Mann	Hooks	Smith				
	31 S BRISTOL R.	H	8,471	3-2	21	15th	McManus	McVay	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Smith	Bradd	Vinter	Mann (inj)	Hooks	Sims				
	2 M Blackburn R.	A	14,394	0-1	21	15th	McManus	McVay	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall	Bradd	Vinter	Mann	Hooks	Sims				
	7 S Charlton (FA Cup 3)	A	9,281	2-0	—	McManus	McVay	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall (inj)	Carter	Sims	Bradd	Vinter	Not used	Hooks				
	14 S TOTTENHAM H.	H	15,709	3-3	22	15th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	Sims	Bradd	Mann	Hooks	Not used				
	21 S Southampton	A	20,174	1-3	22	17th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	McVay	Carter	Sims	Mann	Vinter	Not used				
	28 S Brighton (FA Cup 4)	A	23,468	2-1	—	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	McVay	Carter	Sims	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
	18 S Millwall (FA Cup 5)	A	12,176	1-2	—	—	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Birchennall	Carter	McVay	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
Dec.	25 S LUTON T.	H	8,558	2-0	24	17th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	McVay	Bradd (W)	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
	4 S Orient	A	5,828	0-0	25	17th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	McVay	Bradd	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
	7 T Blackpool (7.30 p.m.)	A	6,783	2-2	26	17th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	McVay	Bradd	Mann	Vinter	Hooks				
	11 S OLDHAM A.	H	8,936	3-2	28	13th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	McVay	Bradd (W)	Mann	Vinter	Sims				
	18 S Charlton A.	A	5,826	0-0	29	16th	McManus	Richards	O'Brien	Chapman	Stubbs	Carter	McVay	Bradd	Mann (W)	Vinter	Sims				
	21 T MANSFIELD T. (7.30 p.m.)	H																			
	25 S Hull C.	A																			
	27 M BOLTON W. (3.00 p.m.)	H																			
	1 S Brighton & H A	A																			
	4 T FULHAM (7.30 p.m.)	H																			
Jan.	8 S MILWALL	H																			
	15 S Sunderland	A																			
	22 S CRYSTAL P.	H																			
	25 T SHEFFIELD U. (7.30 p.m.)	H																			
	29 S Stoke C	A																			
	3 W Cardiff	A																			
	Magpies Marksmen (League games only)																				
	Vinter 15; Bradd 10; Carter 6; O'Brien 5; Hooks 4; Mann 3; Sims 2; Busby, Chapman and Stubbs 1 each; 1 own goal.																				

How the game has developed

Decline of the "All Rounder"

ONE of the features of the personnel taking part in top level football in the early days was that a number of players were also well known in other branches of sport.

C. B. Fry for instance was good enough to be capped for England against Ireland in 1901 while a member of the famous amateur clubs, Corinthians; yet he was far better known as a cricketer and an athlete, playing in a total of 26 Test matches.

There were numerous players who followed this pattern of being selected for their country at both cricket and football between the wars and even since the Second World War there have been the striking examples of Willie Watson and Arthur Milton.

Willie, a wing half with Huddersfield and Sunderland won three caps for England at soccer in 1950 and 1951 and soon afterwards brought further glory for Yorkshire and himself by embarking on a run of 23 Test matches for England as an outstanding left-hand batsman.

Arthur, a winger with Arsenal, won a place in the England team against

Austria in 1951 and then seven years later as a Gloucestershire opening batsman he played in six Test matches for his country.

Even players who did not reach international class at both games often had a go at both games. Dennis Compton, one of the finest batsmen of all time, was also a winger with Arsenal and won an F.A. Cup Winners' medal with them in 1950 while his brother Leslie played for Arsenal and England at centre half and was a more than useful wicket-keeper batsman with Middlesex.

Two men who captained England at cricket were also professional footballers for short spells, Wally Hammond with Bristol Rovers in the twenties and Brian Close with Arsenal and Bradford City in the late 40's. Even Fred Trueman had one season as a striker with Lincoln City before deciding to concentrate on his fast-bowling.

Though cricket was the most common "other sport" for most footballers it was not the only one and there is the remarkable

example of Irish Doctor, Kevin O'Flanagan, who was capped for his country at both soccer and rugby.

For many years of course gentlemen's agreements were reached between county cricket clubs and football clubs so that problems of overlapping seasons were eased.

Often the player would stay with his football club till the end of the season, join his county late and then sometimes stay over until the end of the cricket season, starting his soccer season a few weeks late.

It had even been known for a player at the end of a day's cricket to dash over to play soccer in the evening.

Jim Standen with a Worcestershire County Championship medal and an F.A. Cup winners' medal in the mid-sixties is the last player to have gained major honours in both games and nowadays the extra money involved causes football clubs to tighten up on contracts so that cricket usually comes off second best, particularly now that there are so many football tours, internationals, etc., during the summer.

Even so, a few cricketers remain in soccer today, men like Graham Cross, now with Preston, and Arnie Sidebottom now with Huddersfield. It will be a pity if ultimately young men of high promise have to make their choice an inflexible either or.

Bolton Wanderers through the years

Bolton, one of the 12 founder members of the Football League in 1888, were three times relegated to Division Two in their first 22 seasons, but each time won promotion a year later.

Their relegation in 1902/3 followed a disastrous start when they failed to win any of their first 22 games.

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'Dai Davies, who earlier in his career had won a Welsh Rugby Union cap kept goal for Wales in 1902.

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Dai played in goal for Bolton when they were beaten by Manchester City in the F.A. Cup Final in 1904. 22 years later the 1-0 scoreline was reversed with Bolton winning this time.

Their goalkeeper was Dick Pym, who won three F.A. Cup winners' medals without conceding a goal.

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Joe Smith's record of 38 league goals for Bolton, set up in 1920/1 is the longest-standing club scoring record. Between 1910 and 1927 Joe played on the opposite wing from Ted Vizard in no fewer than 382 games for Bolton.

Ray Parry was just 15 years and 207 days old when making his league debut for Bolton at Wolverhampton.

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Ralph Banks played at left back for Bolton in the F.A. Cup final of 1953. Five years later his brother Tommy Banks played in the F.A. Cup final of 1958.

Another feature of the Bolton team for the 1958 final against Manchester United

was that Ralph Gubbins, who had scored two semi-final goals was left out.

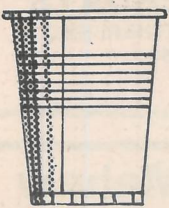
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Jimmy McIlroy held the position of Manager for just 15 days in November 1970 during which time Bolton lost both Second Division games. Early in the following year Jimmy Meadows was manager for ten games of which time they lost seven and drew three.

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Alan BIRCHENALL	6	Sam ALLARDYCE
Steve CARTER	7	Willie MORGAN
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